

**CITY OF PHOENIX PLANNING COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2014**

**I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTION:** Acting Chair Eisenhauer called the Planning Commission meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. In attendance were Commissioners George “Ike” Eisenhauer, Judy Grillo; Priscilla Atkin and Jason Couch. There was a quorum. Staff in attendance were Planning Director Matt Brinkley and Assistant Planner Steffen Roennfeldt.

**II. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:** None.

**III. CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**A.** Approval of Minutes from October 13, 2104 - Regular Planning Commission Meeting;

**MOVED BY COMMISSIONER GRILLO, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COUCH, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS AMENDED FROM OCTOBER 13, 2014 – REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:**

**AYES: 4 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 0**

**THE MOTION PASSED.**

**IV. NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**V. OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**VI. CONTINUATION OF WORK SESSION FOR SIGN REGULATION AMENDMENTS**

Mr. Brinkley pointed out that once again that content neutrality is the standard that the Oregon Supreme Court has established for any kind of regulation of expression. It is unconstitutional to privilege or suppress certain types of speech. With the current ordinance, the opportunity to have a temporary sign is highly restricted. However, the City currently does not enforce this law at the moment. Temporary signs are often placed in the right-of-way or on the sidewalk. In order to make the community more pedestrian friendly, this problem has to be addressed.

There was more discussion about temporary signs and election signs. In the end, the consensus was to keep the 12 square feet limit for election signs. Commissioner Couch said he would like to see some kind of enforcement

provision in the ordinance so that violators can be cited after a certain amount of time.

Commissioner Couch wanted to know where yard sale signs would fit in this ordinance. Commissioner Grillo added that she would like to see a maximum amount for yard sale signs and she would like to have the permit number on the signs. There was discussion. The consensus was to limit the size for a yard sale sign to six square feet, four signs maximum and the permit number must be written on the sign.

There was further discussion about temporary signs regarding placement, banners and signs painted on walls.

Mr. Brinkley raised the question whether the Commissioners want to exempt a certain number of temporary signs from a permit or make them permitted signs and also if there should be a maximum duration the signs can be out. Commissioner Couch said he thinks they should be permitted signs but with a reduced fee. There was discussion. Commissioner Eisenhauer wanted to know how long temporary signs can stay out and pointed out some specific locations where temporary signs exist at the moment. Mr. Brinkley said that they are illegal right now.

Discussion about signs in the vision clearance area and on trailers followed. Mr. Brinkley also talked about the current standards for murals and the proposed changes in the new sign ordinance. The question was how one can differentiate between architecture, art or murals. Mr. Brinkley said he would consult with the City Attorney. There was discussion. Mr. Brinkley explained to the Commissioners how the City of Ashland is handling this issue. Commissioner Grillo proposed to form a committee that deals with public art. There was discussion.

**VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

**IX. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Couch said that he would like to wait with the changes to the ordinances until after the election.

Commissioner Atkin said that she would like to tour the City with the Planner and other Commissioners to better get to know the city. She also said that she will be gone all of February 2015.

Commissioner Grillo said that the RVCOG Planning Commissioner training was really helpful and she encourages the new commissioners to take advantage of it.

**X. PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Nothing to report.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT:** Interim-chair Eisenhower adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

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George "Ike" Eisenhower

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Matt Brinkley, Planning Director